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Whereas, Since the time of the Trojan wars, military personnel have been affected by the trauma of war;

Whereas, In the early 1800s, military doctors began diagnosing soldiers with what they termed "exhaustion";

Whereas, In World War I the disorder was known as "shell shock" and in World War II it was called "combat fatigue";

Whereas, It was not until 1980, that the term post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) came into being;

Whereas, Studies conducted on Vietnam veterans have greatly increased our understanding of this disorder and how devastating it can be to the veteran and the veteran's family;

Whereas, PTSD can occur after the soldier experienced, witnessed, or was confronted with an event that involved actual or threatened death or serious injury or a threat to the physical integrity of himself or others, or the soldier's response to this event involved intense fear, helplessness, or horror;

Whereas, Military personnel suffering from PTSD can experience depression, anxiety, nightmares, difficulty sleeping, uncontrollable anger, and difficulty concentrating;



Whereas, Statistics from the National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study indicate that 66% of Vietnam veterans exposed to high war zone stress had diagnosable PTSD and 33% of them are still experiencing the symptoms today;

Whereas, Those suffering from PTSD often experience difficulty keeping a job or living a full, happy life; and

Whereas, Since America has relied upon her veterans in times of war to protect our way of life, it seems only just and proper that America should care for her veterans in their time of distress: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
- 2 encourage the federal Department of Veterans Affairs to grant leniency
- 3 in issuing disability income to Vietnam veterans with post traumatic
- 4 stress disorder (PTSD).
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the federal
- 7 Department of Veterans Affairs and to the director of the state
- 8 Department of Veterans Affairs.

